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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 29, 2003, Applicants herewith elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 17-30, drawn to a method for coating a stent.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 566-1746.

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